

TRIBUTE TO MARGIE ORLAND, ON RECEIVING THE RABBI NORMAN F. FELDHEYM AWARD FOR LOYALTY AND SERVICE TO THE SYNAGOGUE AND COMMUNITY OF THE CONGREGATION EMANU EL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, the Rabbi Norman F. Feldhey Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El, located in my home district of San Bernardino, California, who have conspicuously and exceptionally reflected Rabbi Feldhey's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, and service to the community. I stand here today to honor Margie Orland for receiving this distinguished award.

Margie has been an extraordinarily devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El. She began her service as a member of the Congregation's Board of Directors in 1986, and since then she has served as Secretary, 2nd Vice-president, Vice-president, and from 2002–2004, as the President of the Congregation. She has been an inspirational leader of the Congregation, giving evidence of her deep love for Judaism, a strong participation in worship and education, and an exemplary commitment to Jewish values and their application in contemporary society.

For over twenty years Margie has rendered extraordinary volunteer service to the congregation in a variety of ways including serving as chairperson of the first Mitzvah Day, her work on numerous raffles and commemorative journals, her work on the Purim Shalach Manot project, and co-chairing the Centennial Torah project.

In addition to her dedicated involvement with Congregation Emanu El, Margie has served give terms as president of the Redlands Jewish Club. She also has chaired the Redlands Home Discussion Series for over fifteen years and currently serves as president of Jewish Family Services of the Inland Communities.

Margie has also been very active in the wider community of Southern California. She has been a long time supporter and volunteer at both the Girls and Boys Club of Redlands and the Loma Linda Children's Hospital. She also currently serves as president of Start Out Smart, a local literacy program aimed at parents-to-be.

Margie and her husband, Burt, are proud parents of two sons, David and Michael, and grandparents of Tanner, Kaley, Jacob and Jared. She is known as a loving and dedicated friend to those throughout the Congregation.

Madam Speaker, this year marks the 116th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation Emanu El. It is fitting, on such a momentous occasion, that we stand here today to honor Margie Orland, for outstanding service to her Congregation, her family, and her community.

TRIBUTE TO DETECTIVE LT. GIUSEPPE PETROSINO

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and memory of Detective Lt. Giuseppe Petrosino. An immigrant from Padula, Salerno, Italy, Lt. Petrosino was the first Italian-American to be named detective in the New York Police Department. His contributions to the Police Force and to the worlds of criminal investigation and prevention are still honored by the governments of Italy and the United States.

Lt. Petrosino is responsible for the creation of the Bomb Squad, the first unit of its kind in the United States. Additionally, he formed the Italian Branch, an elite corps of Italian-American police officers within the NYPD considered by many to be the world's first undercover police officers. Under Lt. Petrosino's guidance in the early 1900s, the Italian Branch arrested thousands of members of an Italian extortion racket referred to as the Black Hand, while simultaneously working to successfully reduce crimes committed against Italian Americans by nearly half. Not only was Lt. Petrosino the first Italian to earn the rank of Lieutenant in the United States, but he was also the first and only NYPD officer to receive funeral solemnities in both Italy and the United States. Over 25,000 mourners were in attendance for his services and President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed about his death, "He was a just man, a worthy man, and a man to admire. I am grieved at the loss of a friend."

We are forever indebted to the work and dedication of Detective Lt. Giuseppe Petrosino and his career remains a source of pride and inspiration for the Italian-American community that he was so committed to in New York City. It is with great honor and privilege today that I acknowledge the achievements of this hero, Lt. Giuseppe Petrosino.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, due to a family obligation I missed the last 4 votes on Friday, April 20, 2007. I would have voted as follows: Putnam Amendment—"No"; Price Amendment—"No"; Motion to Recommit—"Nay"; Final Passage of H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act—"Aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF JESS "POOCH" BOWLING

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and sincerity that I rise today to honor the late Mr. Jess Bowling.

Known to many as "Pooch," he was an endearing friend, a first-class sheriff, a well-loved family man, and a respected member of our community in Merced County, California. At the age of 82, Jess Bowling passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

Jess Bowling was born in Binger, Oklahoma on August 23, 1924. He moved to Dos Palos, California at the age of 11 with his father and brother, where he attended school and later married Darlene Dorrell in 1945. He began his career in law enforcement in 1953, working for the Dos Palos Police Department. In 1956, he joined the Atwater Police Department until finally moving back to Merced in 1958 to work as a resident deputy for the Sheriff's Department on the Westside. He rose quickly through the ranks of the department and was promoted to sergeant-in-command of the new Los Banos sub-station in 1962. Eleven years later, Mr. Bowling was appointed undersheriff and in August of 1974, he was named acting sheriff. That year he was officially elected sheriff by the citizens of Merced County.

As sheriff, Mr. Bowling was instrumental in the development of the department, including the creation of the department's corrections division and the hiring of its first female deputy. In addition, Mr. Bowling oversaw the creation of the county's first 24-hour patrol, organized a special narcotics investigation team, began a countywide crime prevention program, created the work furlough program for prisoners and significantly improved the jail communication system. Sadly, due to health reasons, Mr. Bowling retired from the Sheriff's Department in 1980. At the time of his death in 2007, Bowling was the oldest living Merced County sheriff.

Mr. Bowling is survived by his daughter Shirley Foley of Los Banos, his brother Jack Bowling of Atwater, his three grandchildren Talisha Zorra of Los Banos, Aaron Crutcher of Anchorage, Alaska, and Lance Crutcher of Merced, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to join the community of Dos Palos in recognizing Jess "Pooch" Bowling. Our community benefits greatly from the example he set throughout his lifetime of service as a sheriff who dedicated his life to his community and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM G. WOOTEN

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contributions of one of my constituents and friends, Dr. William Wooten. For nearly a decade, Dr. Wooten has been a leader in substance abuse prevention in the Evansville, Indiana community.

While serving as the Medical Director of Addiction Services for the Mulberry Center in Evansville, Dr. Wooten saw an alarming number of young people with substance abuse problems. Inspired by a program in Little Rock, Arkansas, Wooten urged a community effort to combat this problem. In March of 1998, Wooten's organizing efforts culminated in Youth First, Inc., which focuses on prevention and early intervention approaches to reduce substance abuse. Under Wooten's leadership, the Youth First program has grown